



C O N F I D E N T I A L

**VENUE  
PITCH REPORT  
2011/2012 Season**

**Match:** \_\_\_\_\_ v \_\_\_\_\_ **Venue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. EXPLANATORY NOTES**

New Zealand Cricket is seeking to develop an attractive and positive playing style. Pitch and outfield quality are crucial elements in achieving this goal. This report is vital to assisting that process.

**All pitches should be judged solely on how they play.**

**Pitch – Multiple Day Matches**

1. **Very Good:** Good carry, limited seam movement and consistent bounce throughout. Little or no turn initially but responsive to spin later in the game
2. **Good:** Average carry, limited seam movement and consistent bounce throughout. Responsive to spin later in the game. Not quite meeting the criteria for carry and bounce for a “very good” pitch.
3. **Satisfactory:** Lacks good carry, and/or bounce and/or occasional seam movement. A degree of turn but with average bounce for spinners. Falling significantly short of “very good” re carry and bounce.
4. **Below Average:** Either very little carry and/or bounce and/or more than occasional seam movement or occasional variable bounce or carry. If a pitch demonstrates these features then it cannot be rated in a higher category regardless of the amount of turn the pitch displayed at any stage of the match.
5. **Poor:** The pitch may be rated poor if it offered excessive seam movement, or displayed excessive uneven bounce or it offered excessive assistance to spin bowlers.
6. **Unfit:** If the pitch was considered dangerous then it may be rated unfit.

**Outfield**

7. **A Satisfactory Outfield** needs to be smooth and well grassed allowing fieldsmen to safely perform skills at pace and needs grass to be short enough to avoid excessive “holding” of the ball and preventing batsmen getting value for shots.

**B. OVERALL PITCH RATING**

**Match Pitch Rating: (X)**  
(See explanatory notes)

**Practice Pitch Rating: (X)**  
(See explanatory notes)

Very Good		Below Average	
Good		Poor	
Satisfactory		Unfit	

Very Good		Below Average	
Good		Poor	
Satisfactory		Unfit	

**C. ASSESS THE PITCH**

**1. Assess the Bounce of the Pitch (X)**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Low				
Low/Medium				
Medium				
Medium/High				
High				

**2. Assess the Pace of the Pitch (X)**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Slow				
Slow/Medium				
Medium				
Medium/Fast				
Fast				

**3. Assess the Consistency of the Bounce (X)**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<b>Consistent</b>				
<b>Some Variation</b>				
<b>Variable</b>				

**5. Assess the spin (X)**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<b>None</b>				
<b>Moderate</b>				
<b>Considerable</b>				

**4. Assess the Seam Movement (X)**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<b>No Movement</b>				
<b>Some Movement</b>				
<b>Considerable Movement</b>				

**6. Assess the swing (X)**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<b>None</b>				
<b>Moderate</b>				
<b>Considerable</b>				

Match Manager to complete and hand to Internet Scorer within 30 minutes of completion of the match, or submit online later. If the match is not live scored, please complete within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match and forward to Ian McKendry, Turf Manager, at New Zealand Cricket, PO Box 180, Lincoln University, Canterbury, or [imckendry@nzcricket.org.nz](mailto:imckendry@nzcricket.org.nz). Thank you for your input.